

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (amended) A sealed battery in which an opening (2a) of a battery case (2) is sealed, with any one of a sealing member via an insulating gasket (7), and a sealing unit (8) in which a sealing member is crimped inside a filter (9) via an inner gasket (10), the sealed battery including a sheet-like gasket (16) having a higher coefficient of rebound resilience than the insulating gasket (7) and the inner gasket (10), the sheet-like gasket (16) being placed upon the sealing member so that the battery case is tightly sealed with any one of a combination of the insulating gasket (7) and the sheet-like gasket (16), and a combination of the insulating gasket (7), the sheet-like gasket (16), and the inner gasket (10), by crimping the opening (2a) of the battery case (2) inwards.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Amended) A sealed battery in which an opening (2a) of a battery case (2) is sealed, with any one of a sealing member via an insulating gasket (7), and a sealing unit (8) in which a sealing member is crimped inside a filter (9) via an inner gasket (10), wherein any one of a thickness of an upper face of the insulating gasket (7) or and the inner gasket (10) in a part that makes contact with an upper face of a cap (15) is made larger so that the battery case is tightly sealed with any one of a combination of the insulating gasket (7) and the sheet-like gasket (16), and a combination of the insulating gasket (7), the sheet-like gasket (16), and the inner gasket (10), by crimping the opening (2a) of the battery case (2) inwards.

4. (amended) The sealed battery according to claim 4 or 3 wherein, an annular sealing protrusion (7d, 10d) is provided at a compressed point during the crimping process of the insulating gasket (7) and/or the inner gasket (10); and a sheet-like gasket (16) having a higher coefficient of rebound resilience than the gaskets (7, 10) is placed upon the sealing protrusion (7d, 10d).